



Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

The days are getting colder and the fall harvest is almost complete. The days suitable for work was 5.6 days. Livestock continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder reports that fieldwork was slowed this week as two storms went through the county and slowed operations like fall grain seeding and grain corn harvest. The onion harvest is over and producers report good yields but a poor price at this time. The corn harvest stalled last week because of the recent rainstorms. Fruit and vegetable farmers have picked most of their fruit and are busy gathering pumpkins and squash from the fields for sale at local stands or to various grocery stores. Cache County reports that most of the winter wheat is emerging nicely following some light rainstorms. Emery County reports that most of the fieldwork is over for the year with the exception of the corn harvest (grain) which is ongoing. The overall crop harvest was pretty good, but irrigated pastures suffered from lack of sufficient water.

Livestock Summary

Box Elder County reports that livestock producers are near the end of moving cattle from summer ranges. They are in the process of getting calves weaned, shipped to various feedlots, and then ready for sale. Sheep producers are moving herds from summer ranges to crop residue fields in preparation for the breeding season. Cattlemen are reporting that calves weigh from 30 to 100 lbs lighter this year. Emery County reports that winter ranges are in tough shape and most producers will not be able to put any where near the normal numbers of livestock on ranges. Moisture received to date for the new water year has been great. It needs to continue all winter long. Beaver County reports that operators are gathering cattle off ranges, but ranchers are having a hard time finding them all.

Crop Progress for Week Ending October 21, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Winter Wheat Planted	81	64	98	90
Winter Wheat Emerged	58	39	82	64
Corn Mature	93	92	93	91
Corn Grain Harvested	52	46	84	46
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	95	86	87	89
Apple Harvested	87	80	92	85

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending October 21, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	22	35	28	15	0
Corn	0	1	15	59	25

Soil Moisture for Week Ending October 21, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	15	27	56	2
Subsoil	26	34	40	0
Irrigation water supplies	36	28	36	0
Stock water supplies	20	37	43	0